



*Resident Swearing In ceremony at the Museum of African American History*



*John Nelson, Jr. and Grace Beyers, a Douglass resident, at internet grocery "Project Fresh On-Line" grand opening*



*Resident Council meeting at Brewster and Douglass*



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## Resident Services Activities and Empowerment

### *Economic Enhancement*

- Six scattered site homes have been sold to residents as part of the scattered site home ownership program.
- Project Fresh On-Line, an internet grocery service, opened in 2001. Fresh On-Line allows residents to order food through the Internet. The food is then delivered to the Fresh On-Line office at Douglass Homes. The program was funded by the University of Michigan and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and DHC.
- No Lead Enterprises, a public housing resident-owned firm, and Lakeshore Engineering organized a joint venture to provide lead abatement services. The residents started the company after they completed lead hazard abatement training sponsored by the Commission.
- DHC extended the time period for the income disregard exemption by six months past the HUD requirement of one and a half years.
- Residents participated in a Child Care Job Training Program.
- VSJ landscaping, a resident-owned joint venture, provided landscaping services for DHC's senior sites during the summer season.
- DHC awarded a Section 8 Unit Inspection Service Contract to a resident joint venture at John W. Smith Homes. The joint venture between the Smith Homes Tenant Council and Management Solutions of America Inc. will inspect units for the Section 8 program.
- The Program Planning Division organized a job recruitment and information fair at Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Homes.
- DHC enrolled 239 public- and assisted-housing families in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Residents were able to place money in escrow for a mortgage down payment thanks to DHC's Family Self-Sufficiency Program. The program allows employed residents to have a portion of their rent increases placed in an escrow account which can be used toward the purchase of their scattered site home.
- The scattered site family self-sufficiency program hosted a series of trainings including college financial aid workshops, and home buyer training.